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In re Application of :
Maguire, Stephen B. :
Application No. 10/066,338 : ON PETITION
Filed: January 31, 2002 :
Attorney Docket No. 40526.10001 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6), filed June 28, 2006, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) for the benefit of prior-filed provisional Application No. 60/265,347, filed January 31, 2001.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

Petitioner states that the claim for priority of the above-identified, prior-filed provisional application was timely submitted in the "Declaration of Stephen B. Maguire" on March 20, 2002.

As stated in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii):

This reference must be submitted during the pendency of the later-filed application. If the later-filed application is an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a), this reference must also be submitted within the later of four months from the actual filing date of the later-filed application or sixteen months from the filing date of the prior-filed provisional application.

In USPTO records, the Declaration submitted on March 20, 2002 was only two pages and lacked the page that listed the claim for priority. Petitioner has submitted a copy of the return postcard, which acknowledges receipt by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USTPO) on March 20, 2002 of the Declaration of Stephen B. Maguire (3 pages).

MPEP 503 states that "A post card receipt which itemizes and properly identifies the items which are being filed serves as *prima facie* evidence of receipt in the USPTO of all the items listed thereon on the date stamped thereon by the USPTO." Accordingly, it is concluded that all 3 pages of the declaration was timely received in the USPTO but page 2 of 3 was apparently lost after receipt thereof.

Accordingly, the claim for priority was timely submitted on March 20, 2002. A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the prior-filed provisional application, accompanies this decision on petition.

In view of the above, no petition fee is necessary and none has been charged.

Any questions concerning this decision on petition may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206. All other inquiries concerning either the examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This matter is being referred to the Examiner of Technology Center AU 1723 for consideration of the claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5) for benefit of the prior-filed provisional application.



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Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

Enclosure: Corrected Filing Receipt



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Receipt is acknowledged of this non-provisional patent application. The application will be taken up for examination in due course. Applicant will be notified as to the results of the examination. Any correspondence concerning the application must include the following identification information: the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please submit a written request for a Filing Receipt Correction. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections**

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This appln claims benefit of 60/265,347 01/31/2001

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 02/28/2002

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 10/066,338**

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Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

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Title

Apparatus for supplying liquid color

Preliminary Class

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